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Sir.

I have the honour to inform you that during the next session of the Agency's General Conference, commencing in Vienna on 16 September 2002, there will be a special programme on safety for senior regulators.

The programme, planned for Monday 16 September (afternoon only) and Tuesday 17 September (all day), will be for senior regulatory officials in the field of nuclear, radiation safety, transport, and radioactive waste safety. A provisional programme is enclosed for the meeting, which will be held in the IAEA Boardroom on the 4th floor of Building C of the Vienna International Centre. The meeting will be conducted in English.

In view of your country's involvement in safety matters, your Government is invited to nominate a senior regulator to participate in this special programme on safety regulation. It would be appreciated if the name of the designated expert from your Government could reach us by 6 September 2002.

In response to an invitation from the Secretariat to suggest topics for discussion at this year's meeting I have received a large number of interesting and diverse suggestions. The topics most commonly raised were research reactors, control of radioactive sources, various aspects of waste management and subjects related to specific safety standards. The topics selected for the programme — *safety standards, regulatory aspects of research reactors and regulating sealed radioactive sources* — reflect these suggestions.

As can be seen from the provisional programme, a substantial part of the discussion will be focused on international safety standards: what the IAEA's safety standards programme should contain; how standards can be further developed; and how their global application can be encouraged. To facilitate the discussion, the Agency's Commission on Safety Standards is

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presently preparing a discussion note on the further development of a comprehensive standards programme which will cover nuclear safety, radiation protection, radioactive waste management and the transport of radioactive material. This discussion note and other information regarding the Senior Regulators' Meeting will be posted on the Agency's Web site at www.iaea.org/ns/coordinet/. The site will also provide access to a questionnaire on the IAEA safety standards, which will help our work on the further development of the safety standards programme. As part of the preparation for the meeting, your representative is encouraged to complete the questionnaire and send the response to the Secretariat.

The CSS's review of the safety standards programme is an important part of the Agency's ongoing work on a modern suite of internationally recognized standards that aim to define the requirements and guidance for good/best safety practice. These standards will not only provide information and advice on what is good/best practice and serve as the benchmark for IAEA safety related activities, but they will also be useful for demonstrating the implementation of contracting States' obligations under the Convention on Nuclear Safety, and the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management. The outcome of the Senior Regulators' discussions is expected to provide useful input for the further development of the safety standards.

To foster the exchange of topical information between the senior regulators, your representative is also invited to make available to the participants at the meeting a short document on the three topics included in the attached provisional programme, and if desired, the major highlights or safety issues encountered during the past year.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my high consideration.



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Enclosure

**GENERAL CONFERENCE
SENIOR REGULATORS' MEETING
16-17 September 2002
IAEA Board Room (C04)**

Provisional Programme
(2nd draft 2002-07-24)

Monday 16 September	
14:00-14:15	Opening Remarks – Mr. T. Taniguchi, IAEA
14:15-17:30	Session I: Broadening the acceptance and application of the IAEA's safety standards (Chairman, Mr. L. Williams, United Kingdom) 14:20-14:40 The IAEA's overall vision and strategy for safety – Mr. T. Taniguchi 14:40-15:30 The future of the safety standards programme – Mr. L. Williams
	Session I(a): Other contributions Discussion
Tuesday 17 September	
9:30-12:15	Session I(b): Feedback from the participants Discussion
12:15-12:30	Chairman's summing-up of Session I – Mr. L. Williams
14:00-15:30	Session II: Regulatory aspects of research reactors (Chairman, Mr. J. Loy, Australia) Presentations – Mr. J. Loy, Australia and [to be determined] Discussion
16:00-17:30	Session III: Regulating sealed radioactive sources (Chairman, Mr. J. Loy, Australia) Presentation – Mr. V. Friedrich, Hungary Discussion